



Recreation Authority of Roseville & Eastpointe Board
Wednesday, May 15, 2024 - 4:00pm
Conference Room - Recreation Authority Center
Meeting Agenda

- A. Roll Call
- B. Approval of Minutes for Regular Meeting on April 17, 2024.
- C. Approval of Disbursements and Budget Report.
 - 1. Disbursements #10
 - 2. Revenue/Expense Report
- D. Hearing of the Public - agenda items only
- E. Communications
- F. Old Business
- G. New Business
 - 1. Presentation by Spalding DeDecker on progress updating the Joint Parks & Recreation Master Plan for the City of Eastpointe, City of Roseville and R.A.R.E.
 - 2. Report on delinquent Concession Agreement payment
 - 3. Review and approval of Employment Agreements beginning July 1, 2024
 - 4. Request approval to install a Nalox-Box at the Recreation Authority Center, including staff training.
- H. Hearing of the Public.
- I. Discussion by Director
- J. Discussion by Board members
- K. Adjournment

Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 20, 2024 at: 4:00pm.



Recreation Authority of Roseville & Eastpointe Board Meeting Minutes

Conference Room - Recreation Authority Center

18185 Sycamore, Roseville, MI 48066

April 17, 2024

Meeting called to order 4:02pm

A. Roll Call

- a. Mr. Klinefelt, Mr. McCain, Mr. Switalski, Mr. Walters and Mr. Merucci are present.

B. Approval of Minutes

a. **Regular Meeting March 20, 2024**

- i. Motion to approve the March Regular Meeting minutes was made by Mr. Klinefelt, supported by Mr. Switalski. All approved, none opposed. Motion passed.

b. **Special Meeting March 20, 2024**

- i. Motion to approve the March Special Meeting minutes was made by Mr. McCain, supported by Mr. Klinefelt. All approved, none opposed. Motion passed.

C. Approval of Disbursements and Budget Report

a. **Disbursement #9**

- i. Motion to approve disbursement #9 was made by Mr. Walters, supported by Mr. Switalski. All approved, none opposed. Motion passed.

b. **Revenue/Expense Report**

- i. Motion to approve the revenue/expense report was made by Mr. Switalski, supported by Mr. Klinefelt. All approved, none opposed. Motion passed.

D. Hearing of the Public – agenda items only

- a. No public attendance

E. Communications

- a. Mr. Lipinski shared agenda items information and the project application form.

F. Old Business

a. **Update on Joint Recreation Master Plan**

- i. Representatives met on April 2, 2024. Spalding DeDecker representatives will be in attendance at the next Board Meeting. Mr. McCain noted communications on his views on the Joint Master Plan. Mr. Merucci noted that he was impressed with Spalding DeDecker and their research and preparedness, and commented on the survey.

G. New Business

a. **Discuss request from City of Eastpointe to allocate a total of \$300,000.00 for the Splash Pad Project at Kennedy Park.**

- i. A request to allocate a budget total of \$300,000 to the City of Eastpointe Capital Improvement Project Fund as a match towards the Splash Pad Project at Kennedy Park, and an additional \$25,000 to the City of Roseville Capital Improvement Project fund was made by Mr. Klinefelt, supported by Mr. Switalski. The amended amount will be allocated in the 2024/25 Recreation Authority Budget. All approved, none opposed. Motion passed.

b. **Public Hearing to receive comments from the public regarding the 2024/25 Recreation Authority of Roseville and Eastpointe Proposed Budget.**

- i. Public comments opened at 4:13pm, closed at 4:14pm. No public comments were made.

c. **Request approval of the 2024/25 Recreation Authority of Roseville & Eastpointe Proposed Budget.**

- i. Motion to approve the 2024/25 Recreation Authority of Roseville & Eastpointe proposed budget was made by Mr. McCain, supported by Mr. Klinefelt. All approved, none opposed. Motion passed.

H. Hearing of the Public

- a. No public attendance

I. Discussion by Director.

- a. Mr. Lipinski shared that Ms. Frederick and himself had met with representatives from AEW regarding the splash pad projects in Eastpointe and Roseville; representatives from the City of Eastpointe and City of Roseville were met with separately about ideas for the Splash Pads. The Grand Experience event has sold out. Recent events were the Adult Egg Hunt, Annual Youth Spring Egg Hunt and Dog Egg Hunt, all went well. MDHHS is hosting a chemical exposure monitoring testing at our facility for two weeks. No further payments have been received from prior concessionaire Justin Awdish. Youth boys' baseball registration was extended, unfortunately girls' softball has been cancelled. The Craft & Vendor show is Saturday, April 20th. The Seniors will be hosting a senior & student bingo event. A meeting is scheduled with Love Life Christian Church in regards to potentially hosting Summer Day Camp in their facility. Ms. Frederick has been working on sponsorships, a breakdown was provided. The project agreement was finalized for the Spark Grant Project.

J. Discussion by Board Members.

- a. Mr. Klinefelt – Nothing at this time.
- b. Mr. Switalski – Nothing at this time.
- c. Mr. McCain – Impressed with the sponsorships thus far.
- d. Mr. Walters – Nothing at this time.
- e. Mr. Merucci – Was approached by Harper Woods Schools Athletic Director in regards to utilizing the tennis courts housed at the Military Museum, they will be hosting three games at the courts. The memorial brick and tree have been purchased in honor of Mr. Creech, a date or park has not been set yet.


Meeting adjourned – 4:34pm

Recreational Authority of Roseville & Eastpointe
Disbursement #10

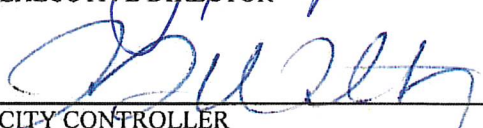
April 2024	300,803.66
AP Total	<u>300,803.66</u>
Pay #21 (4/10/24)	33,547.35
Pay #22 (4/24/24)	<u>35,358.68</u>
Payroll Total	<u><u>68,906.03</u></u>
Grand Total	369,709.69

*THE FOLLOWING AMOUNTS REPRESENT DISBURSEMENTS FOR
MATERIALS AND SERVICES RECEIVED.*

SUBMITTED FOR BOARD APPROVAL:



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



CITY CONTROLLER

THE BOARD APPROVED PAYMENT FOR THE ABOVE VOUCHERS ON:

DATE

BOARD CLERK / TREASURER

CHECK REGISTER
APRIL 2024
RARE

GL Number	Inv. Line Desc	Vendor	Invoice Desc.	Invoice	Due Date	Amount	Check #
Fund 208 PARK/RECREATION FUND							
Dept 101 GENERAL DEPARTMENT							
208-101-652.000	RECREATION USE AND ADMISSION FEE-ROSEVIL	HUNTER, TAMARA	REFUND OF RENTAL DEPOSIT	40124	4/11/2024	100.00	9880
208-101-652.000	RECREATION USE AND ADMISSION FEE-ROSEVIL	KUSS, EDWARD	REFUND-CLASS CANCELLED	32824	4/11/2024	140.00	9886
208-101-652.000	RECREATION USE AND ADMISSION FEE-ROSEVIL	LEONE, JOSEPHINE	REFUND	40224	4/11/2024	95.00	9887
208-101-652.000	RECREATION USE AND ADMISSION FEE-ROSEVIL	MEDINA, AMELIA	REFUND OF RENTAL DEPOSIT	40824	4/11/2024	200.00	9889
208-101-652.000	RECREATION USE AND ADMISSION FEE-ROSEVIL	PHILLIPS, JALEN	REFUND OF RENTAL DEPOSIT	40124	4/11/2024	200.00	9890
208-101-652.000	RECREATION USE AND ADMISSION FEE-ROSEVIL	REDMON, AMANDA	REFUND-CLASS CANCELLED	40424	4/11/2024	155.00	9891
208-101-652.000	RECREATION USE AND ADMISSION FEE-ROSEVIL	SMITH, TODD	REFUND	40124	4/11/2024	72.00	9893
208-101-652.000	RECREATION USE AND ADMISSION FEE-ROSEVIL	THOMAS, LISA	REFUND OF RENTAL DEPOSIT	40124	4/11/2024	100.00	9896
208-101-652.000	RECREATION USE AND ADMISSION FEE-ROSEVIL	VON HATTEN, JAMES	REFUND-CLASS CANCELLED	40424	4/11/2024	150.00	9898
208-101-652.000	RECREATION USE AND ADMISSION FEE-ROSEVIL	YOUNG, SHEILA	REFUND OF RENTAL DEPOSIT	32824	4/11/2024	200.00	9899
208-101-652.000	RECREATION USE AND ADMISSION FEE-ROSEVIL	DRAINE, LEGIRTHIA	REFUND OF RENTAL DEPOSIT	41024	4/23/2024	250.00	9907
208-101-652.000	RECREATION USE AND ADMISSION FEE-ROSEVIL	GOSTON, JUDITH	REFUND OF SDC DUE TO SCHOLARSHIP	40924	4/23/2024	350.00	9911
208-101-652.000	RECREATION USE AND ADMISSION FEE-ROSEVIL	HAMMONS, LILLIAN	REFUND OF RENTAL DEPOSIT	41524	4/23/2024	100.00	9912
208-101-652.000	RECREATION USE AND ADMISSION FEE-ROSEVIL	HENDERSON, DEBBIE	REFUND	40824	4/23/2024	72.00	9913
208-101-652.000	RECREATION USE AND ADMISSION FEE-ROSEVIL	RUTENBERG, JORDAN	REFUND OF RENTAL DEPOSIT	41524	4/23/2024	200.00	9921
208-101-652.000	RECREATION USE AND ADMISSION FEE-ROSEVIL	ZAREMSKI, DENISE	REFUND	41524	4/23/2024	50.00	9926
208-101-719.000	HEALTH, LIFE, DENTAL	CITY OF ROSEVILLE	1ST QTR - 2024 DUE FROM RARE	FISCAL23-24	4/23/2024	8,028.73	9906
208-101-719.000	HEALTH, LIFE, DENTAL	CITY OF ROSEVILLE	1ST QTR - 2024 DUE FROM RARE	FISCAL23-24	4/23/2024	8,028.73	9906
208-101-719.000	HEALTH, LIFE, DENTAL	CITY OF ROSEVILLE	1ST QTR - 2024 DUE FROM RARE	FISCAL23-24	4/23/2024	8,028.73	9906
208-101-725.000	UNEMPLOYMENT & WORKERS COMPENSATION	MICHIGAN MUNICIPAL LEAGUE	2024 1ST QTR UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION	33124	4/23/2024	87.89	9920
208-101-730.000	POSTAGE	CITY OF ROSEVILLE	MAR 24 POSTAGE/SUPPLIES	2096	4/11/2024	149.12	9875
208-101-740.004	PLAYGROUND AND ATHLETIC SUPPLIES	USA SOFTBALL OF METRO DETROIT	YELLOW SYNTHETIC COVER	5B24*06	4/11/2024	1,296.00	9897
208-101-740.004	PLAYGROUND AND ATHLETIC SUPPLIES	INTERSTATE SECURITY INC	ADDITIONAL CARD KEYS	8681143	4/23/2024	1,375.00	9915
208-101-801.000	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	EASTPOINTE HIGH SCHOOL	2024 SPRING DANCE RECITAL	PR25934	4/11/2024	352.95	9878
208-101-818.000	CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	BOUSSIE, DAVID	3/22-3/23 SCOREKEEPER PAY	PR25932	4/11/2024	96.00	9873
208-101-818.000	CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	KENNEDY, DENNIS	3/22-3/24 OFFICIALS PAY	PR25932	4/11/2024	220.00	9881
208-101-818.000	CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	KLEIN, ROSS	3/23-3/24 OFFICIALS PAY	PR25932	4/11/2024	154.00	9882
208-101-818.000	CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	KLIFFEL, MORGAN	3/22-3/27 SCOREKEEPER PAY	PR25932	4/11/2024	114.00	9883
208-101-818.000	CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	KLIFFEL, SAMANTHA	3/23-3/24 SCOREKEEPER PAY	PR25932	4/11/2024	84.00	9884
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208-101-818.000	CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	MASTERSON, BRYAN	108 GAMES - 3 V 3 HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL LEAGUE C	PR25935	4/11/2024	2,808.00	9888
208-101-818.000	CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	ROSS, DEBRA	ADAPTIVE YOGA - SESSION #1	32124	4/11/2024	166.60	9892
208-101-818.000	CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	SOKOL, ANTHONY	3/23-3/27 OFFICIALS PAY	PR25932	4/11/2024	352.00	9894
208-101-818.000	CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	STALKER, OWEN	3/23-3/24 SCOREKEEPER PAY	PR25932	4/11/2024	72.00	9895
208-101-818.000	CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	ANDERSON, ECKSTEIN AND WESTRICK INC	PROJ# 1556-0002-0 RARE GENERAL ENGINEERING SERVI	149622	4/23/2024	2,921.70	9904
208-101-818.000	CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	BOUSSIE, DAVID	4/3-4/14 SCOREKEEPER PAY	PR25937	4/23/2024	102.00	9905
208-101-818.000	CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	EUBANK, HUSTON	4/5-4/14 SCOREKEEPER PAY	PR25937	4/23/2024	90.00	9909
208-101-818.000	CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	FIRST SERVE LLC	TENNIS #1 2/20/24-4/2/24	41124	4/23/2024	2,081.25	9910
208-101-818.000	CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	FIRST SERVE LLC	PICKLEBALL #1 2/15/24-3/21/24	41124	4/23/2024	972.00	9910
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208-101-818.000	CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	LANGELL, EMILY	4/7 OFFICIALS PAY	PR25937	4/23/2024	64.00	9918
208-101-818.000	CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	LEFEVRE, GREGORY	4/3 OFFICIALS PAY	PR25937	4/23/2024	96.00	9919
208-101-818.000	CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	SMITH, JASMINE	FEB-APR 24 PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS	41124	4/23/2024	710.63	9922
208-101-818.000	CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	SMITH, TYRONE	4/7 OFFICIALS PAY	PR25937	4/23/2024	64.00	9923
208-101-818.000	CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	SPRINGER, ASHLEY	3/5/24-4/16/24 INTRO TO TUMBLING	41124	4/23/2024	956.25	9924

208-101-818.000	CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	STALKER, OWEN	4/5-4/14 SCOREKEEPER PAY	PR25937	4/23/2024	90.00	9925
208-101-850.000	COMMUNICATIONS	CITY OF ROSEVILLE	1ST QTR - 2024 DUE FROM RARE	FISCAL23-24	4/23/2024	62.29	9906
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208-101-880.000	COMMUNITY PROMOTION	C AND G PUBLISHING INC	1ST QTR - 2024 DUE FROM RARE	FISCAL23-24	4/23/2024	367.81	9906
208-101-880.000	COMMUNITY PROMOTION	C AND G PUBLISHING INC	1/2 PAGE AD	0018381-IN	4/11/2024	1,205.00	9874
208-101-920.000	UTILITIES	COMCAST	DIGITAL AD-EASTSIDER	0018224-IN	4/11/2024	75.00	9874
208-101-920.000	UTILITIES	DTE ENERGY	ACCT# 8529 10 115 0165646	32824	4/11/2024	86.90	9876
208-101-931.000	BUILDING MAINTENANCE	FIRE EXTINGUISHER SALES & SVC INC	ELEC SVC 9100 026 8010 6	40924	4/23/2024	140.48	9908
			EXT. CABINET MOUNTED	115229	4/11/2024	336.00	9879
			Total For Dept 101 GENERAL DEPARTMENT			49,192.12	
Dept 691 SMART							
208-691-728.000	OFFICE SUPPLIES	CITY OF ROSEVILLE	MAR 24 POSTAGE/SUPPLIES	2096	4/11/2024	55.56	9875
208-691-818.000	CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	BIANCO TOURS INC	5/29 COMERICA PARK TRIP	22924	4/11/2024	1,359.00	9872
208-691-850.000	COMMUNICATIONS	DIRECT TV	ACCT# 008724326	008724326X240322	4/11/2024	196.98	9877
			Total For Dept 691 SMART			1,611.54	
			Total For Fund 208 PARK/RECREATION FUND			50,803.66	
Fund 408 CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND - RARE							
Dept 101 GENERAL DEPARTMENT							
408-101-976.000	BUILDING ADDITON & IMPROVEMENT	CITY OF ROSEVILLE	REIMBURSE CITY FOR HURON PARK LIGHTING	PR25931	4/11/2024	250,000.00	9875
			Total For Dept 101 GENERAL DEPARTMENT			250,000.00	
			Total For Fund 408 CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND - RARE			250,000.00	
		Fund Totals:					
			Fund 208 PARK/RECREATION FUND			50,803.66	
			Fund 408 CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND - RARE			250,000.00	
			Total For All Funds:			300,803.66	

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208-101-707.000				WAGES- TEMPORARY EMPLOYEES	9,497.18	
208-101-715.000				FICA-EMPLOYER'S	1,896.32	
208-101-718.000				RETIREMENT FUND CONTRIBUTION	2,698.82	
208-691-706.000				WAGES- PERMANENT EMPLOYEES	1,683.92	
208-691-707.000				WAGES- TEMPORARY EMPLOYEES	1,375.38	
208-691-715.000				FICA-EMPLOYER'S	234.04	
208-691-718.000				RETIREMENT FUND CONTRIBUTION	286.27	
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208-000-258.001				OTHER PAYROLL WITHHOLDING		9,407.55
208-101-706.000				WAGES- PERMANENT EMPLOYEES	15,875.42	
208-101-707.000				WAGES- TEMPORARY EMPLOYEES	10,905.90	
208-101-715.000				FICA-EMPLOYER'S	2,004.09	
208-101-718.000				RETIREMENT FUND CONTRIBUTION	2,698.82	
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05/07/2024		REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE REPORT FOR RARE							
		PERIOD ENDING 04/30/2024							
		% Fiscal Year Completed: 83.33							
		2023-24		YTD BALANCE		ACTIVITY FOR			
		ORIGINAL	2023-24	04/30/2024		MONTH 04/30/24	ENCUMBERED	UNENCUMBERED	% BDGT
GL NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	BUDGET	AMENDED BUDGET	NORM (ABNORM)		INCR (DECR)	YEAR-TO-DATE	BALANCE	USED
Fund 208 - PARK/RECREATION FUND									
Revenues									
208-101-402.000	CURRENT PROPERTY TAXES	1,663,394.00	1,663,394.00	1,446,204.39		73,837.40	0.00	217,189.61	86.94%
208-101-441.000	LOCAL COMMUNITY STABILIZATION SHARE TAX	0.00	0.00	44,665.49	A	0.00	0.00	(44,665.49)	100.00%
208-101-614.000	VENDING REVENUE	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00		0.00	0.00	1,000.00	0.00%
208-101-652.000	RECREATION USE AND ADMISSION FEE-ROSEVIL	480,000.00	480,000.00	317,446.72		150,752.60	0.00	162,553.28	66.13%
208-101-653.000	SMART-OPERATING CREDITS	193,712.00	193,712.00	126,838.09		70,632.72	0.00	66,873.91	65.48%
208-101-654.000	SMART- FAREBOX REVENUE	72,643.00	72,643.00	4,732.00		434.00	0.00	67,911.00	6.51%
208-101-664.000	INTEREST AND DIVIDENDS	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00		0.00	0.00	2,000.00	0.00%
208-101-674.000	CONTRIBUTIONS AND DONATIONS	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00		0.00	0.00	2,000.00	0.00%
TOTAL REVENUES		2,414,749.00	2,414,749.00	1,939,886.69		295,656.72	0.00	474,862.31	80.33%
Expenditures									
208-101-706.000	WAGES- PERMANENT EMPLOYEES	421,738.97	421,738.97	314,056.26		31,750.84	0.00	107,682.71	74.47%
208-101-707.000	WAGES- TEMPORARY EMPLOYEES	508,303.50	508,303.50	256,586.38		20,403.08	0.00	251,717.12	50.48%
208-101-709.000	WAGES- OVERTIME	1,000.00	1,000.00	158.13		0.00	0.00	841.87	15.81%
208-101-715.000	FICA-EMPLOYER'S	71,226.00	71,226.00	42,818.59		3,900.41	0.00	28,407.41	60.12%
208-101-718.000	RETIREMENT FUND CONTRIBUTION	70,167.00	70,167.00	51,494.68		5,397.64	0.00	18,672.32	73.39%
208-101-719.000	HEALTH, LIFE, DENTAL	156,104.00	156,104.00	79,347.47		24,111.19	0.00	76,756.53	50.83%
208-101-725.000	UNEMPLOYMENT & WORKERS COMPENSATION	7,174.98	7,174.98	(613.29)	B	87.89	0.00	7,788.27	-8.55%
208-101-728.000	OFFICE SUPPLIES	8,000.00	8,000.00	3,738.45		889.81	259.80	4,261.55	46.73%
208-101-730.000	POSTAGE	17,928.00	17,928.00	1,142.95		149.12	0.00	16,785.05	6.38%
208-101-740.000	SUPPLIES	50,000.00	50,000.00	28,112.65		2,278.64	5,242.68	21,887.35	56.23%
208-101-740.004	PLAYGROUND AND ATHLETIC SUPPLIES	55,620.00	55,620.00	47,921.58		4,049.51	0.00	7,698.42	86.16%
208-101-751.000	FUEL	4,000.00	4,000.00	1,343.44		0.00	0.00	2,656.56	33.59%
208-101-801.000	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	80,000.00	80,000.00	77,732.11	C	352.95	0.00	2,267.89	97.17%
208-101-818.000	CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	98,000.00	98,000.00	54,827.68		12,676.43	0.00	43,172.32	55.95%
208-101-826.000	LEGAL FEES	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00		0.00	0.00	1,000.00	0.00%
208-101-850.000	COMMUNICATIONS	30,000.00	30,000.00	18,289.41		5,110.32	0.00	11,710.59	60.96%
208-101-861.000	AUTO EXPENSE ALLOWANCE	250.00	250.00	0.00		0.00	0.00	250.00	0.00%
208-101-864.000	CONFERENCE & WORKSHOPS	3,500.00	3,500.00	1,999.43		1,749.93	0.00	1,500.57	57.13%
208-101-880.000	COMMUNITY PROMOTION	27,550.00	27,550.00	31,554.12	D	4,170.32	0.00	(4,004.12)	114.53%
208-101-900.000	PRINTING & PUBLICATIONS	35,000.00	35,000.00	20,413.82		0.00	0.00	14,586.18	58.33%
208-101-901.000	BANK FEES	8,000.00	8,000.00	4,614.68		0.00	0.00	3,385.32	57.68%
208-101-910.000	INSURANCE AND BONDS	40,000.00	40,000.00	38,341.00	E	0.00	0.00	1,659.00	95.85%
208-101-920.000	UTILITIES	30,000.00	30,000.00	11,710.81		227.38	0.00	18,289.19	39.04%
208-101-931.000	BUILDING MAINTENANCE	61,500.00	61,500.00	33,186.04		1,985.61	0.00	28,313.96	53.96%
208-101-933.000	OFFICE EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE	11,500.00	11,500.00	2,329.19		0.00	0.00	9,170.81	20.25%
208-101-939.000	VEHICLE MAINTENANCE	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00		0.00	0.00	5,000.00	0.00%
208-101-940.000	RENTALS	6,000.00	6,000.00	3,560.00		0.00	0.00	2,440.00	59.33%
208-101-958.000	MEMBERSHIPS AND DUES	2,500.00	2,500.00	1,855.00		245.00	0.00	645.00	74.20%
208-101-960.000	EDUCATION AND TRAINING	5,000.00	5,000.00	645.00		196.47	0.00	4,355.00	12.90%
208-101-961.000	CERTIFICATIONS & LICENSES	2,000.00	2,000.00	406.00		0.00	0.00	1,594.00	20.30%
208-101-993.000	LAND USE FEE	120,000.00	120,000.00	0.00		0.00	0.00	120,000.00	0.00%
208-101-993.001	VENDING EXPENSE	250.00	250.00	0.00		0.00	0.00	250.00	0.00%
208-101-996.027	ADMINISTRATION COSTS	66,243.90	66,243.90	0.00		0.00	0.00	66,243.90	0.00%

05/07/2024		REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE REPORT FOR RARE							
		PERIOD ENDING 04/30/2024							
		% Fiscal Year Completed: 83.33							
		2023-24		YTD BALANCE		ACTIVITY FOR			
		ORIGINAL	2023-24	04/30/2024		MONTH 04/30/24	ENCUMBERED	UNENCUMBERED	% BDGT
GL NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	BUDGET	AMENDED BUDGET	NORM (ABNORM)		INCR (DECR)	YEAR-TO-DATE	BALANCE	USED
208-101-999.000	TRANSFERS OUT	175,120.00	175,120.00	0.00		0.00	0.00	175,120.00	0.00%
Total Expenditures - Dept 101-GENERAL DEPARTMENT		2,179,676.35	2,179,676.35	1,127,571.58		119,732.54	5,502.48	1,052,104.77	51.73%
208-691-706.000	WAGES- PERMANENT EMPLOYEES	43,781.97	43,781.97	29,760.73		3,367.84	0.00	14,021.24	67.97%
208-691-707.000	WAGES- TEMPORARY EMPLOYEES	103,117.50	103,117.50	33,728.66		3,024.63	0.00	69,388.84	32.71%
208-691-715.000	FICA-EMPLOYER'S	11,238.00	11,238.00	4,856.95		489.05	0.00	6,381.05	43.22%
208-691-718.000	RETIREMENT FUND CONTRIBUTION	7,443.00	7,443.00	4,771.23		572.54	0.00	2,671.77	64.10%
208-691-719.000	HEALTH, LIFE, DENTAL	26,017.00	26,017.00	0.00		0.00	0.00	26,017.00	0.00%
208-691-725.000	UNEMPLOYMENT & WORKERS COMPENSATION	1,102.69	1,102.69	0.00		0.00	0.00	1,102.69	0.00%
208-691-728.000	OFFICE SUPPLIES	0.00	0.00	55.56	E	55.56	0.00	(55.56)	100.00%
208-691-740.000	SUPPLIES	750.00	750.00	493.38		0.00	0.00	256.62	65.78%
208-691-751.000	FUEL	16,000.00	16,000.00	1,594.25		0.00	0.00	14,405.75	9.96%
208-691-801.000	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	12,000.00	12,000.00	8,460.41		0.00	0.00	3,539.59	70.50%
208-691-818.000	CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	5,150.00	5,150.00	3,161.30		1,359.00	0.00	1,988.70	61.38%
208-691-850.000	COMMUNICATIONS	6,500.00	6,500.00	2,732.86		196.98	0.00	3,767.14	42.04%
208-691-880.000	COMMUNITY PROMOTION	5,000.00	5,000.00	846.00		0.00	0.00	4,154.00	16.92%
208-691-910.000	INSURANCE AND BONDS	2,671.00	2,671.00	2,671.00	E	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00%
208-691-939.000	VEHICLE MAINTENANCE	3,713.00	3,713.00	3,944.48		0.00	0.00	(231.48)	106.23%
208-691-960.000	EDUCATION AND TRAINING	0.00	0.00	205.69	E	0.00	0.00	(205.69)	100.00%
208-691-976.000	BUILDING ADDITON & IMPROVEMENT	365,000.00	365,000.00	0.00		0.00	0.00	365,000.00	0.00%
208-691-983.000	OFFICE EQUIPMENT	2,500.00	2,500.00	0.00		0.00	0.00	2,500.00	0.00%
208-691-996.027	ADMINISTRATION COSTS	19,371.20	19,371.20	0.00		0.00	0.00	19,371.20	0.00%
Total Expenditures - Dept 691-SMART		631,355.36	631,355.36	97,282.50		9,065.60	0.00	534,072.86	15.41%
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		2,811,031.71	2,811,031.71	1,224,854.08		128,798.14	5,502.48	1,586,177.63	43.57%
Fund 208 - PARK/RECREATION FUND:									
TOTAL REVENUES		2,414,749.00	2,414,749.00	1,939,886.69		295,656.72	0.00	474,862.31	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		2,811,031.71	2,811,031.71	1,224,854.08		128,798.14	5,502.48	1,586,177.63	
NET OF REVENUES & EXPENDITURES		(396,282.71)	(396,282.71)	715,032.61		166,858.58	(5,502.48)	(1,111,315.32)	

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		ORIGINAL	2023-24	04/30/2024	MONTH 04/30/24	ENCUMBERED	UNENCUMBERED	% BDGT		
GL NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	BUDGET	AMENDED BUDGET	NORM (ABNORM)	INCR (DECR)	YEAR-TO-DATE	BALANCE	USED		
Fund 408 - CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND - RARE										
Revenues										
408-101-699.000	TRANSFER IN	175,120.00	175,120.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	175,120.00	0.00%		
TOTAL REVENUES		175,120.00	175,120.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	175,120.00	0.00%		
Expenditures										
408-101-976.000	BUILDING ADDITON & IMPROVEMENT	365,000.00	365,000.00	457,790.00	G 250,000.00	0.00	(92,790.00)	125.42%		
408-101-982.000	MACHINERY	8,000.00	8,000.00	10,270.00	H 0.00	0.00	(2,270.00)	128.38%		
408-101-983.000	OFFICE EQUIPMENT	12,000.00	12,000.00	3,824.84	0.00	0.00	8,175.16	31.87%		
408-101-984.000	FURNITURE	5,000.00	5,000.00	1,744.92	0.00	714.99	3,255.08	34.90%		
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		390,000.00	390,000.00	473,629.76	250,000.00	714.99	(83,629.76)	121.44%		
Fund 408 - CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND - RARE:										
TOTAL REVENUES		175,120.00	175,120.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	175,120.00			
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		390,000.00	390,000.00	473,629.76	250,000.00	714.99	(83,629.76)			
NET OF REVENUES & EXPENDITURES		(214,880.00)	(214,880.00)	(473,629.76)	(250,000.00)	(714.99)	258,749.76			
A Amount was received during the month from the LCSA for lost personal property taxes. This amount is budgeted in account 208-101-402.000. Abudget amendment will be needed to increase the budget for this amount received in account 441 and reduce the budgeted amount in account 402.										
B The negative amount year-to-date relates to two refund checks the Authority received from Travelers.										
C Professional Services is running over budget primarily due to the full cost of the annual audit being incurred. The account may need a budget adjustment for the fiscal year.										
D Account is running over budget due to events such as the Rockin Summer Nights and the Big Bird Run. A budget adjustment may be needed for this account.										
E The premium for the full year has been paid for liability insurance. No additional expenditures are expected during this fiscal year in this account.										
F Education and training and office supplies for SMART was not budgeted. A budget adjustment will be needed to include this expense in the current year budget.										
G Approximately \$197,000 of the total relates to costs related to the new gym floor and \$250,000 relates to a payment to the City of Roseville for the park improvement plan. A budget amendment will most likely be needed for this account.										
H Amount exceeds budgeted amount for the current year. Recumbant bikes were purchased for the fitness room. A budget adjustment will be needed for the current year.										

JOINT 5 YEAR PARKS AND RECREATION PLAN

Project Update

May 15, 2024

AGENDA

- Project Timeline
- Review of Updated Community Profile
- Findings from Public Feedback on Park Maps / Wish List
- Discuss Administrative Structure
- Review of Opinion Survey and Communication Material, and Confirm Public Events

PROJECT TIMELINE

- The Wish List on Park Maps is complete.
- We are preparing for roll out of the public survey, yard signs, and attendance at Public Events.
- We have sections of a draft report for your review.

APPROACH

	Phases and Tasks	2024												25
		J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	J
1: Project Initiation	Kick Off and Onboarding, Progress Meetings (5)													
	Confirm Tasks, Schedule, Project Management													
2. Research and Analysis, Needs Assessment	Data Gathering													
	Park Inventory													
	Wish List on Park Maps at Rec Center (February 26 - April 26)													
	Opinion Survey (June 1 - August 31)													
3. Draft Plan	Draft Plan													
4. Public Outreach Meetings	Public Events (see list below)													
	Focus Groups/Invited Input Sessions (TBD)													
5. Goals & Objectives	Recreation Staff Meeting/ Survey													
	Draft Goals and Objectives													
	Draft Action Plan													
	Review Meetings													
	RARE Board Meetings													
	Provide Plan for Review and Public Input													
	Public Hearings and City Council Presentations													

Public Events

- June 15 - Gratiot Cruise Car Show
- July 18 - RARE Pride event
- July 25 - Eastpointe Summer Concert Series
- August 14 - RARE RockNSummer Night Event

Potential Youth Involvement

- June - Summer Day Camp attendees (6-12 years)
- Feb, March, April, May - High School Students

Places to distribute project information and survey

- RARE Newsletter
- RARE emails with survey after league program ends
- RARE website
- Eastpointe Newsletter
- Roseville Newsletter
- Roseville Optimist Club
- School Boards
- Roseville Lions Club
- Eastpointe Chamber of Commerce
- Eastpointe Rotary Club
- Eastpointe Junior Tiger Cats
- Roseville Junior Sports

UPDATED COMMUNITY PROFILE

POPULATION

- In 2020, the population in the ***City of Roseville was 47,710 and was 34,318 in the City of Eastpointe.***
- ***The total population*** in both the cities was ***82,028 residents.***
- SEMCOG projects that the ***combined population will be 89,923 by 2050.***

Population change, 2050 SEMCOG Projections, U.S. Census Bureau

Community	2023	2050	Percentage Change
Roseville and Eastpointe	80,256	83,923	+ 4.57%
Roseville	46,194	48,909	+ 5.88%
Eastpointe	34,062	35,014	+ 2.79%

AGE (Median age)

- The largest age category, representing over ***30% of the population, is those between the ages of 25 and 44.***
- The ***senior citizen population (age 65+) represents 28.1%.***
- The 2020 median age is ***40.9 in Roseville and 38.1 in Eastpointe.***

Community	2010 Median Age	2020 Median Age
Roseville and Eastpointe	37.2	39.5
Roseville	38.8	40.9
Eastpointe	35.6	38.1
Macomb County	40.1	41
State of Michigan	39	39.8

AGE, (Lifestyle Category)

Age Group	Roseville and Eastpointe	Roseville	Eastpointe	Lifestyle Category
Under 5 years	5.3%	4.7%	6.4%	Pre-School 5.3%
5 - 9 years	5.5%	5.9%	5.9%	School Age 18.5%
10 - 14 years	6.8%	5.9%	7.4%	
15 - 19 years	6.2%	5.4%	7.3%	
20 - 24 years	5.8%	6.2%	5.5%	Family Foundation 33.4%
25 - 29 years	8.6%	8.4%	8.7%	
30 - 34 years	6.6%	7.7%	6.0%	
35 - 39 years	6.1%	5.1%	7.7%	
40 - 44 years	6.3%	6.0%	6.4%	Middle Age 27.6%
45 - 49 years	6.6%	6.4%	6.3%	
50 - 54 years	6.9%	7.3%	6.1%	
55 - 59 years	7.4%	7.2%	6.5%	
60 - 64 years	6.7%	6.8%	6.9%	Seniors 28.1%
65 - 69 years	5.2%	5.8%	5.1%	
70 - 74 years	4.3%	4.7%	3.6%	
75 - 79 years	2.3%	2.5%	1.9%	
80 - 84 years	1.3%	1.4%	0.9%	
85+	1.9%	2.6%	1.3%	

DISABLED POPULATION

- The majority of the population considered “disabled” is ***75 years and over***.
- Approximately **10% of the population** between ages 18 and 34 years is disabled.

Community	Age Range	Percent of Population
Roseville	Under 5 Years	0.0%
	5 to 17 Years	10.9%
	18 to 34 Years	8.9%
	35 to 64 Years	20.3%
	65 to 74 Years	39.5%
	75 Years and over	49.4%
Eastpointe	Under 5 Years	0.0%
	5 to 17 Years	4.6%
	18 to 34 Years	9.4%
	35 to 64 Years	21.4%
	65 to 74 Years	31.5%
	75 Years and over	57.5%

RACE

- In Eastpointe, the percentage of ***white people is 38.7% and the percentage of black people is 52.3%.***
- Roseville and Eastpointe ***are more diverse*** than Macomb County and Michigan overall.

Race/Ethnicity	Roseville and Eastpointe	Roseville	Eastpointe	Macomb County	State of Michigan
White	55.70%	67.90%	38.70%	75.40%	72.40%
Asian	1.50%	1.80%	1.05%	4.30%	3.30%
Black	34.10%	20.70%	52.30%	12.30%	13.40%
Hispanic	2.40%	2.70%	2.38%	2.90%	5.60%
American Indian and Alaska Native alone	0.30%	0.31%	0.22%	0.20%	0.40%
Native Hawaiian and other Pacific Islander alone	0.02%	0.02%	0.01%	0.02%	0.03%
Some other race alone	0.50%	0.43%	0.57%	0.33%	0.37%
Two or more races	5.60%	6.16%	4.70%	4.32%	4.36%

INCOME

- There was an increase in the median income of approximately **20% from 2010 to 2021 in Roseville and Eastpointe.**
- Overall, median household income is **lower in both cities than in the county and state.**

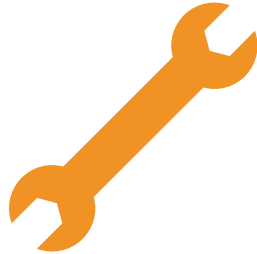
Income	2010	2021	Change	Percentage Change
Roseville and Eastpointe	\$87,010	\$104,063	\$17,053	+ 19.63%
Roseville	\$41,853	\$51,794	\$9,941	+ 23.75%
Eastpointe	\$45,157	\$52,269	\$7,112	+ 15.74%
Macomb County	\$49,160	\$67,527	\$18,367	+ 37.39%
State of Michigan	\$45,413	\$63,498	\$18,085	+ 39.84%

FINDINGS FROM PUBLIC FEEDBACK ON PARK MAPS

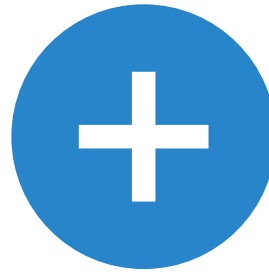
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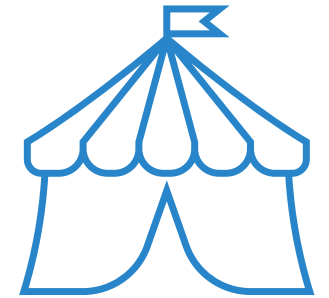
**Improve/
Repair**



**Add/
Enhance**



Requests



Program

FINDINGS FROM PUBLIC FEEDBACK ON PARK MAPS

Parks in Roseville

- ***Improve/Repair*** current amenities like resurfacing walking paths, tennis courts, basketball courts
- ***Add/enhance*** safety features like lights, fenced off dog areas, restricting vandalizing.
- ***Requests*** for pool, pickleball courts, skatepark, splash pad

FINDINGS FROM PUBLIC FEEDBACK ON PARK MAPS

Parks in Eastpointe

- ***Maintenance*** of current facilities, clean-ups and repair
- ***Add/enhance*** benches, walking paths, playscapes, water fountains, trash cans and trees
- ***Requests*** for facilities like pickleball courts, splash pad, pool, and dog park area
- ***Programming events*** like youth dance programs, summer concerts, preschool programs

ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE

- Does this reflect reality today?
- Who is this working for?
- Who is this not working for?
- What goals/outcome are not advancing because of the limitations of this structure?
- Would you consider a study to evaluate the administrative structure and explore pros and cons of a reorganization?

OPINION SURVEY

Let Your Voice Be Heard!

TAKE THE ONLINE SURVEY

Joint Parks and Recreation Plan
2025-2029



Scan the QR code or go to:
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For any questions or queries
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Yard sign

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CONFIRM EVENTS

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Does RARE, Roseville, Eastpointe have staff or logo shirts or vests that we could wear?

PUBLIC MEETING

- 1 Combined public meeting at Recreation Authority Center
- 1 meeting in Roseville / 1 meeting in Eastpointe
- At/Before a City Council Meeting
- Dates – August



Source: Macomb Daily



Source: C&G Newspapers

COMMUNITY INPUT SUMMARY

5/10/2024

Summary of Public Feedback on Park Maps

Large posters of the parks in Roseville and Eastpointe were mounted at the Recreation Authority City, City of Roseville, and City of Eastpointe from February 26 to April 29, 2024. The public was invited to provide feedback and their comments and requests are summarized below. The items below reflect resident's answers to the question "what else would you like to see in this park"? In places where there were multiple requests of the same amenity a +1, is added to show the demand.

Comments on Parks in Eastpointe

1. Rein Park

From Eastpointe City Hall

- Clean more often
- No changes needed
- Remove benches on S. Park sign

From Recreation Authority Center

- Benches
- No weed smoking hanging out after hours
- Cigarette butt stand

2. Fairlane Park

From Eastpointe City hall

- Walking/bike path
- Benches
- Soccer field
- Isn't this behind Koepsell? Sell it to be sled.

From Recreation Authority Center

- Walking paths
- Benches
- School property
- More equipment please

3. Goetz Park

From Eastpointe City hall

- Not a park, but rather a traffic island. Benches/flowers are really all you can do, maybe a playscape.

From Recreation Authority Center

- More benches
- Pool
- Cigarette butt stand

4. Shamrock Park

From Eastpointe City Hall

- Walking/bike paths
- Soccer fields
- Dog walk/play/park
- Picnic park
- Trees and paths with tables, benches and playground.
- A splash pad (+1)
- Playground update
- Artwork
- More flowers/landscape
- More kid friendly
- Pool
- Lounge chairs

From Recreation Authority Center

- Walking paths (+1)
- Pool
- Splash pad
- Restrooms
- Shed
- Playscape

5. Roxana Park

From Eastpointe City hall

- Walking/bike path
- Properly maintained ball diamond
- A children's park

From Recreation Authority Center

- Pool
- I would like the baseball diamond re-done and maintained (+1)
- Add picnic and playground area
- Pickeball courts?
- Soccer field
- Basketball court

- Playground
- Walking paths

6. Kennedy Park

From Eastpointe City hall

- Walking path around the inside perimeter of the park
- Fitness area like the one at Huron Park
- More pickleball courts
- Basketball courts
- A walking track, summer and jazz concerts on Thursday
- Remove dilapidated hockey rink or maintain it
- Walking/bike paths
- More benches
- Kids play area
- BBQ area
- Fix the hockey rink with sport tile
- Playground with swings
- Fix pickleball court, it is lovesome
- Cleaner playground equipment
- Dog park free pool, playground like Westland Tattarn Park
- Fire pits, update skate park, tennis court/hand ball
- Dedicated walking paths fountain/water feature
- If there are no future plans for the ball park, sell the bleachers and make better use of the site.
- More swings
- Outside track
- Football field
- Better walking path
- Upgrade playground lights for nighttime pool, splash pad

From Recreation Authority Center

- Walking paths
- Remove hockey rink
- Police mini station FIELD
- Upgrade the bathrooms
- Lots of shade
- Volleyball net
- Splashpad
- Please put pool or splashpad, basketball net
- Tables under the shed
- Additional pickleball courts

- Chairs/seating near play area
- Water fountains
- Dance in the park, concerts – more than once
- Splashpad
- Basketball courts
- Walking track
- RARE youth dance students dancing on stage in summer
- Paved path to the large shelter to unload picnic supplies and for elderly
- Basketball court
- Replace the hockey place with a remote control car speedway
- The parks need security on site
- Bike racks
- Cigarette butt stand
- New pavilion
- Water fountains
- Turn baseball field area into a dog park
- Circular drive to load and unload rentals equipment from parking lot

7. Memorial Park

From Eastpointe City Hall

- Improved bike/walk paths

From Recreation Authority Center

- Get a police mini station with anticipation of the problem with splash pad and improvements
- Better playground by picnic shelter
- Tennis or pickleball on black asphalt area or something
- Pool, open pool, public pool
- Walking paths, better lights on baseball fields
- Maintain baseball fields better
- There is no small child play equipment. The Play equipment for older kids is horrible. I've lived across the street for 20 years. My boys never had one to play on with. No one can figure out how to use it or they get hurt. The broken busted up one that was there before was better, kids learn to avoid holes at least
- Pet memorial near dog park, rainbow bridge design where people can attach dog/cat tags with pets name attached. More tree cover along Bell St.

8. Spindler Park

From Eastpointe City Hall

- Dog park area – many people already bring dogs, they could use an off-leash safe area
- Flower beds – need maintenance
- Improved bike/walk paths (Walkways need maintenance, more trash cans people throw trash all over park)
- Splash pad
- A nice walking path preferably around the park that can go from front to back in a circle
- Swings for babies + children
- Something for teens
- Extend the walkway at the southwest end of the park

From Recreation Authority Center

- Snowhill
- Walking paths
- Air conditioned building (+1)
- Track for walking
- Basketball court (+1)
- Police substation
- Pickleball courts
- Splashpad (+1)
- Return of the preschool program
- Walking paths
- MTB trails
- Bike path

Comments on Parks in Roseville

1. Packard Park

From Roseville City Hall

- Trees
- Update playground
- Skate park
- Paved walking path around back of park
- Put slide back on playscape
- Street parking during park hours

From Recreation Authority Center

- Pool (+2)

- New playground
- Skate park

2. Kiwanis Park (will be Optimist Park)

From Roseville City Hall

- Close to home, open spaces
- More benches
- Possibly a basketball court
- New slides
- Better playgrounds
- More lighting
- Water park
- Dirt track and trees
- Tennis court
- Everything needs to be updated. It has never been updated before new walkway
- Splash pad
- Fenced off dog area

From Recreation Authority Center

- Park trail
- Basketball court
- A circle walkways around the playground
- More swings and slides
- Volleyball court
- Tennis court
- Open bathroom and more garbage cans
- Pavilions/benches
- Strawberry hydrangeas to block view of parking lot/martin'
- Bigger playground equipment
- Garden areas
- Playground equipment
 - o Updated swings
 - o Slide
 - o Bigger kid structure
- Improve walking path
- Improve open space
 - o Ball diamond
 - o Dirt track
- Pickleball
- Tikibar, pool bar

3. Lions Park

From Roseville City Hall

- Open spaces (liked)
- Walking paths
- Benches
- Picnic area

From Recreation Authority Center

- Pool
- Bike trail
- Walking trail
- More community functions
- Pool
- This park is very used
- Pool (+3)
- Soccer field

4. Rotary Park

From Roseville City Hall

- Open space for kite flying
- Walking path with shaded area
- Update playground
- Skatepark/quarter pipe/vert
- Playground for kids
- Pickelball courts
- Nothing, leave as is
- Walking paths/loops
- Water fountains along path
- Splash pad
- Bigger playground
- Skatepark

From Recreation Authority Center

- Zipline and bathrooms
- More restrooms (+3)
- Basketball courts (+5)
- Pool please (+3)
- Splash pad
- New swings
- Sand pit
- Volleyball net (+3)

- More/updated playscapes

5. Dooley Park

From Roseville City Hall

- Walking path (liked)
- Bathroom opened more, more playgrounds, more lighting
- More walkway (tree roots are tearing up the asphalt, very bumpy)
- Disc golf trees
- Exercise station around paths
- Walking paths
- Water fountains
- Trash barrels

From Recreation Authority Center

- The community, the land and the nice people
- Disc golf, dog park
- Bigger playground
- Re-pave walk/run path
- Bathrooms open
- Trees on south end
- New play equipment
- Disc golf, volleyball court
- Pool
- Nice clean, filtered safe pool, don't want my kid getting sick

6. Huron Park

From Roseville City Hall

- Leave open space as is
- No flooring on pathways during + after rain events
- Skatepark extension/quarter pipe
- Pond
- Gagaball
- Pickleball courts
- Improve tennis courts
- Restroom by the picnic areas
- Trees that filter air
- Update playground equipment slides
- Skatepark/splash

From Recreation Authority Center

- Skate area is good
- Dog poop bags
- Additional playscape
- More restroom
- Additional shed
- Nice clean safe filtered pool don't want my kid getting sick
- Re-do tennis courts
- Add pickleball courts to the unused paved area
- Lot playground area
- Plant more trees
- Restroom by picnic pavilion + restroom updates to current restrooms under soccer tower
- Bigger skatepark/ bowl for more tricks
- Playgrounds
- Parks
- Work to be done on fields
- More lights along the paths
- Less chicken bones and dog poop everywhere
- Restroom at picnic area
- Work to be done on fields, too many cancelled games for small amount of rain
- Someone to police the park, many kids are vandalizing the park after school, smoking and drinking. The teens are using abusive language, and fighting after school
- Park ranger – too much vandalizing happening at the park

7. Macomb Gardens Park

From Roseville City Hall

- Disc golf
- Benches near walkway (track)
- Larger parking lot
- Trees

From Recreation Authority Center

- Volleyball net
- Open bathrooms
- Pool (+2)
- Splash pad
- Parking spacing, add parking
- New basketball courts

8. Veterans Park

From Roseville City Hall

- Lots and lots of trees along the pathway. Park benches along the pathway
- Tree's disc golf more benches, splash pad
- Pickleball courts
- Parking by pavilion lot (Leave as is)
- Bench near north east corner
- More parking, south end and west side or handicapped at S. end
- Mulberry or blackberry tree removed by playground or move benches from under it (South end of playground)
- Dog park area, fenced off for small + big dogs

From Recreation Authority Center

- The picnic area is good, need bathrooms though
- Trees, pool
- Walking trail
- Dance in the park, concerts more than once
- Less weeds on soccer field
- Pickleball? (+1)
- Bathrooms need to actually be open during the day and remain open all day, everyday! From dawn to dusk
- Pool, fitness area
- Skate park
- Fix the main parking lot
- RARE youth dance students, dancing on stage, summer festival
- Parking area near the picnic area by Superior St.
- More parking by the restroom,
- New, smooth, concrete for the hockey/roller ink

Received via email

- I would like to let you know my interest in the parks updates. We need outdoor Pickleball courts within the city limits. I prefer Roseville as I'm a resident there. You could easily replace where the old basketball court was at the rotary park and add a court there as well as the other parks in the area. (Sheila Canady – Roseville Resident)
- The couple lives on Beaconsfield, and says that they do not want anything to be built or added to that narrow section of the park. They do not appreciate the people that currently use the disk golf station/basket near their house, and do not want anything else added to encourage people in that narrow section of the park.

Roseville and Eastpointe Joint Parks and Recreation Plan Public Opinion Survey

Welcome to Your Community Survey

The Recreation Authority of Roseville and Eastpointe (RARE), City of Roseville, and City of Eastpointe are working together to update the Joint Parks and Recreation Plan. A Parks and Recreation Plan creates an inventory of existing facilities and resources, identifies community recreation and open space needs, and sets a plan of action for the next five years. This plan is also required for both cities and the recreation authority to be eligible to apply for grants offered by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and other grantmaking organizations. We invite you to participate in your community's planning process.

This questionnaire is anonymous. Your participation and input is a valuable resource for our community. Your results from this questionnaire will be tabulated, documented, and incorporated into the Joint Parks and Recreation Plan. This plan will help to determine the goals and strategies to improve your parks and open spaces.

Please take the time to carefully read each question, and answer it to the best of your ability. The questionnaire should take about 15 minute to complete.

This survey is being managed by Cassi Meitl of Spalding DeDecker (cmeitl@sda-eng.com). If you have questions or concerns, please contact Tony Lipinski at the Recreation Authority of Roseville and Eastpointe (alipinski@rare-mi.org or 586-445-5480).

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1. Where do you currently reside?

- ☐ City of Roseville
- ☐ City of Eastpointe
- ☐ Other (please specify)

2. What is your age group?

- ☐ Under 18
- ☐ 18-24
- ☐ 25-34
- ☐ 35-44
- ☐ 45-54
- ☐ 55-64
- ☐ 65+

3. How would you describe your gender identity?

- ☐ Female
- ☐ Male
- ☐ Gender non-conforming
- ☐ Prefer not to answer
- ☐ Other (please specify)

4. How would you prefer to learn about park locations, activities, programs, and/or special events?

- ☐ Website - Recreation Authority of Roseville and Eastpointe
- ☐ Website - City of Roseville
- ☐ Website - City of Eastpointe
- ☐ Social media
- ☐ Newspaper
- ☐ E-mails
- ☐ Direct mail
- ☐ Radio
- ☐ TV
- ☐ Local schools
- ☐ All of the above
- ☐ Other (please specify)

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5. In the last year, how often have you visited a park or the recreation authority center, or participated in a recreation program in Roseville or Eastpointe?

- ☐ Never
- ☐ A few times in a year
- ☐ 1-2 times a month
- ☐ Once a week
- ☐ Multiple times a week
- ☐ Daily

6. Please list any recreational programs offered by the Recreation Authority of Roseville and Eastpointe that you have participated in within the last three (3) years.

7. When considering the parks in Roseville or Eastpointe, or the recreation authority center, how do you rate the following as strengths or weaknesses?

	Great weakness	Weakness	Strength	Great strength
Parks	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Access to water features	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Playgrounds	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Sports fields/courts	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
ADA accessibility of parks and recreation facilities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Proximity and access to local parks and recreation facilities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Proximity and access to regional open spaces (preserves, state parks)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Other (please specify)

8. What amenities are most important to you or members of your household? Please select your top five (5) amenities.

☐ Archery/shooting

☐ Baseball/softball fields

☐ Basketball courts

☐ Bike paths/lanes

☐ Disc golf course

☐ Football fields

☐ Gardens

☐ Pickleball courts

☐ Picnic shelters

☐ Playgrounds

☐ Restrooms

☐ Skate park/BMX

☐ Soccer fields

☐ Splash pads

☐ Swimming pools

☐ Tennis courts

☐ Volleyball courts

☐ Walking paths (paved and nature trails)

☐ Workout equipment/fitness area

☐ Other (please specify, if more than one please number each)

9. What are your top five (5) priorities?

- ☐ Maintenance of existing facilities
- ☐ Upgrading existing facilities
- ☐ Pathway/bikeway connections to parks
- ☐ Preserving public open space/natural areas
- ☐ Adult sport/enrichment programs
- ☐ Adaptive/special needs programs
- ☐ Senior learning/enrichment programming/travel activities
- ☐ Youth sports programming
- ☐ Individual instruction/enrichment programs
- ☐ Unscheduled - open/drop-in/free-style indoor activities
- ☐ Health/wellness programs
- ☐ Community events
- ☐ Other (please specify)

10. How satisfied are you with the appearance, maintenance, and cleanliness of parks and facilities?

- ☐ Very satisfied
- ☐ Satisfied
- ☐ Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied
- ☐ Dissatisfied
- ☐ Very dissatisfied

11. What prevents or discourages you from using the parks, recreation authority center, or programs? Select all that apply.

- ☐ Safety concerns
- ☐ The parks and facilities are not clean
- ☐ Lack of good programs
- ☐ Too far from my residence
- ☐ Program or rental fees are too high
- ☐ Lack of adequate parking
- ☐ It is difficult to register for programs
- ☐ Program times are inconvenient
- ☐ There are physical barriers that prevent me from accessing the facility
- ☐ Lack of transportation
- ☐ No problems
- ☐ Other (please specify)

12. What are your three (3) favorite parks to visit in the City of Roseville?

☐ Dooley Park

☐ Huron Park

☐ Kiwanis Park

☐ Lions Park

☐ Macomb Gardens Park

☐ Packard Park

☐ Rotary Park

☐ Veterans Park

☐ Other (please specify)

13. Why did you choose those three (3) parks? Select all that apply.

☐ The park is easily accessible and there is sufficient parking

☐ The park is close to my house

☐ For the facilities offered

☐ Programs at the park

☐ The park is safe and clean

☐ Other (please specify or explain in more detail)

14. What are your three (3) favorite parks to visit in the City of Eastpointe?

- ☐ Fairlane Park
- ☐ Goetz Park
- ☐ Kennedy Park
- ☐ Memorial Park
- ☐ Rein Park
- ☐ Roxana Park
- ☐ Shamrock Park
- ☐ Spindler Park
- ☐ Other (please specify)

15. Why did you choose those three (3) parks? Select all that apply.

- ☐ The park is easily accessible and there is sufficient parking
- ☐ The park is close to my house
- ☐ For the facilities offered
- ☐ There are special activities offered
- ☐ Programs at the park
- ☐ The park is safe and clean
- ☐ Other (please specify or explain in more detail)

16. What new park and recreation amenities or facilities would you like to see? Select all that apply.

- ☐ Art/sculptures
- ☐ Benches/seating

- ☐ Baseball/softball field
- ☐ Basketball court
- ☐ BMX Course/Pump Track
- ☐ Cornhole
- ☐ Cricket pitch
- ☐ Disc golf
- ☐ Football field
- ☐ Horseshoes
- ☐ Indoor fitness equipment
- ☐ Lacrosse field
- ☐ Nature/habitat restoration
- ☐ Outdoor fitness equipment
- ☐ Outdoor ice skating
- ☐ Pickleball courts (Indoor)
- ☐ Pickleball courts (Outdoor)
- ☐ Picnic shelter/pavilion
- ☐ Playground equipment
- ☐ Roller skating
- ☐ Soccer fields
- ☐ Splash pad
- ☐ Sledding
- ☐ Tennis court
- ☐ Walking/jogging paths
- ☐ Other (please specify)

17. How satisfied are you with the recreation authority center?

- ☐ Very satisfied
- ☐ Satisfied
- ☐ Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied
- ☐ Dissatisfied
- ☐ Very dissatisfied

18. What new or expanded recreation activities should be offered? What types of programs would you like added to the recreation authority center schedule?

19. RARE, Eastpointe, and Roseville strive to provide access and facilities for all residents, including people of all abilities, races, genders, languages, and beliefs. If there are any portions of the population that you may feel are underserved, what facilities or considerations could RARE, Eastpointe, or Roseville add to enhance the parks and recreation experience for those individuals?

- ☐ Improve accessibility (ADA)
- ☐ Provide transportation
- ☐ Offer specialized programs
- ☐ Improve communication options
- ☐ Offer specialized facilities
- ☐ Other - Please specify other options that could be offered to improve the situation

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End of the survey

Thank you, residents of Roseville and Eastpointe and visitors, for your active participation and thoughtful contributions to our survey. Your valuable insights and suggestions will be instrumental in formulating a comprehensive Parks and Recreation plan that truly reflects the needs and desires of our community. Your input is crucial in shaping the future of our recreational spaces, ensuring they cater to the diverse preferences and interests of our residents. We appreciate your engagement and look forward to implementing a plan that enhances the quality of life for everyone in our vibrant community.

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Date: Monday, April 29, 2024

To: RARE Board Members

From: Sara Frederick, Assistant Director

Subject: Request for Board Approval: Nalox-Box Installation and Narcan Training Partnership

Dear Board Members,

I recently had the opportunity to discuss a crucial initiative with Danielle from Wayne State University's Center for Urban Studies at the Macomb Community College job fair. We explored the possibility of partnering with the Strategies and Tools for Overdose Prevention team to implement a Nalox-Box program. This program aims to combat opioid overdoses by installing Nalox-Box containers stocked with lifesaving Narcan across Southeast Michigan.

The Nalox-Box initiative is designed to provide immediate access to Narcan in public spaces, similar to AED units during cardiac emergencies. Our partnership with this program involves no cost, as they will handle the purchase, installation, regular maintenance checks, and staff education on Narcan administration and overdose response. Their team will also conduct training sessions for our staff, covering essential skills like recognizing overdose symptoms, administering Narcan, performing CPR, and utilizing fentanyl test strips.

As a Nalox-Box site partner, we will need to secure permissions for installation and inform their team of any maintenance needs. This partnership aligns with our commitment to community safety and proactive crisis response. I urge the board to consider approving this partnership, as it presents a valuable opportunity to contribute to the fight against the opioid overdose crisis and potentially save lives in our community.

Thank you for considering this important initiative. Your support in this endeavor would greatly benefit our community.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sara Frederick".

Sara Frederick
Assistant Director

From: Nalox-Box Program <naloxboxprogram@gmail.com>

Sent: Friday, April 19, 2024 2:15 PM

To: Sara Frederick (Roseville Eastpointe Recreation Authority) <sfrederick@RARE-MI.ORG>

Subject: RARE potential Nalox-Box Pilot Program Partnership

Hello Sara Frederick!!

This is Danielle, I met you yesterday at the Macomb Community College work fair. I hope the event was successful for you.

We briefly discussed the possibility of having a Nalox-Box installed at any of the locations RARE (Recreation Authority of Roseville & Eastpointe) manages, especially warming and cooling centers. Also know we will train your staff on how to use Narcan. (training includes a dose of Narcan for everyone who attends)

As the coordinators for the Nalox-Box pilot project with the Strategies and Tools for Overdose Prevention team at Wayne State University's Center for Urban Studies. We want to share this is a new program, we will be installing Nalox-Box containers across Southeast Michigan to increase access to lifesaving naloxone. Also known by the brand name Narcan, naloxone is a safe and effective medicine that can reverse life-threatening opioid overdose symptoms during an emergency.

A Nalox-Box is a container stocked with free, ready-to-use Narcan that is installed in a publicly accessible location within the community. Anyone can open the Nalox-Box, remove the Narcan, and either administer it immediately to a person who is experiencing an overdose emergency nearby OR take Narcan with them as a precaution for a future overdose emergency. Like an AED defibrillator during a cardiac emergency, immediate first-aid with naloxone is critical to saving a life during an opioid overdose. Similar to placing AED units in public spaces in the community, Nalox-Boxes ensure that community members have naloxone readily available during an emergency.

Our program aims to place more than 100 Nalox-Boxes throughout Wayne, Macomb, and Oakland county communities, and we are seeking partners in the community who would be willing to have a NaloxBox installed at their site. An opioid overdose emergency can truly happen anywhere since life-threatening overdose symptoms typically start 1-3 hours after opioid use. We believe your location would be an important site for a Nalox-Box because of its location in a busy part of our community.

Our team will:

- Purchase the Nalox-Box, naloxone, and other supplies for the box and provide these at no cost to the site
- Assist with the placement/installation of the box
- Regularly check in to ensure the box remains stocked
- We can also provide education to community members about naloxone and how to use naloxone to help someone during an overdose emergency

As a Nalox-Box site partner, you will:

- Secure any permissions needed to place/install the Nalox-Box (such as from the property owner or building manager)
- Inform our team if the Nalox-Box needs restocking/other maintenance between our usual check-in

Help your community to take action against the opioid overdose crisis and save lives. If you are interested in being a Nalox-Box site partner, please fill out this brief form to provide some details about your site and we will contact you to provide more information about the process: [Save Lives with Nalox-Box](#). Please also feel free to share this information with others who you think may be interested in participating as a Nalox-Box site partner.

The installation should take less than an hour regardless of who installs it. If your team is installing we will bring the box and Narcan and would like to document the process for our records.

Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns that might have come since we last talked.

Should you wish to move forward we will set up a quick Zoom call to go over the next steps, select box size, and pick installation dates.

NARCAN TRAINING FOR YOUR STAFF: we can also set up a short Zoom to discuss this as well!

The overdose rescue training sessions typically take about 40-60 minutes depending on audience questions, so we like to plan for an hour-long session. There is no cost to community members to participate.

During the training presentation, we cover information about the magnitude of the opioid crisis and its impact on our community, how to recognize the signs of an overdose, and how to respond to an overdose. The skills we teach include how and when to administer Narcan, how to perform CPR, aftercare considerations for overdose survivors, and how to use fentanyl test strips. At the end of the training, all participants receive an Overdose Rescue Kit containing Narcan - an overdose-reversal medicine that comes in an easy-to-use nasal spray device. Fentanyl test strips are available for anyone who wants them as well.

The training presentation can be conducted online via Zoom or in person at your group's location. Once the training format is confirmed, we will provide you with more information on how the training session will be set up and how participants will receive their Overdose Rescue Training Kits.

We look forward to hearing back from you, thank you for your time.

Danielle and Ja'Lea

Strategies and Tools for Overdose Prevention (STOP)

Narcan Access Projects Coordinators

Center for Urban Studies- AmeriCorps

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StopOverdoseDeaths.org

Outdoor/Indoor Wall Cabinet

- Can be installed indoors or outdoors
- Can be mounted on a wall or on a pole
- Can hold approximately 8 Narcan kits with resource cards and other supplies
- Approximately 15" tall x 11" wide



(actual signage on cabinet will vary)

Large Indoor Wall Cabinet

- Can be installed indoors only
- Can be mounted on a wall
- Can hold approximately 20 Narcan kits with resource cards and other supplies
- Approximately 16" wide x 17" tall



(actual signage on cabinet will vary)

Small Cabinet

- Can be installed indoors only
- Mounts with horizontal orientation, cabinet opens from the top (option for narrow spaces)
- Can hold approximately 4 Narcan kits with resource cards and other supplies
- Approximately 9" tall x 13" wide



(actual signage on cabinet will vary)

Free-standing Cabinet

- Can be installed indoors or outdoors
- Can either be bolted down if desired, or left unbolted to be relocated as needed (bolting down recommended to avoid tipping)
- Can hold approximately 100 Narcan kits with resource cards and other supplies
- Approximately 21" wide x 15" deep x 43" high



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Strategies and Tools for Overdose Prevention Team

Introducing our new Nalox-Box program



We are seeking community partners willing to have a Nalox-Box installed at their site.

Nalox-Boxes ensure community members have Naloxone (Narcan) readily available during an emergency.



Nalox-Box

- Nalox-Box is a container stocked with free, ready-to-use Narcan that is installed in a publicly accessible location within the community.
- Anyone can use the Nalox-Box to retrieve Narcan to administer immediately in case of a nearby emergency OR to take Narcan with them as a precaution for a future overdose emergency.
- Naloxone is critical to saving a life during an opioid overdose.



Our Goal:

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<https://tinyurl.com/Nalox-Box>

Questions? Email us at Naloxboxprogram@gmail.com



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SENIOR ACTIVITIES NEWSLETTER

MAY—JUNE 2024

Mary L. Grant, Senior Director

Kim Steele, Office Support

Al Keown, Program Aide

SUMMER DAY CAMP

We are excited to announce that our favorite summertime activity is back! Our Senior Summer Day Camps are scheduled to take place in June and August this year. We have planned two very different themes for your enjoyment. The cost to participate in each event is \$30.00 for residents and \$35.00 for non-residents. Ticket price includes a light breakfast, crafts, games, lunch, bingo, dessert, and even a few surprises! Here are the themes for Summer “2024”:

“Garden Party”—Tuesday, June 11th—9:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m. You do not have to have a green thumb to enjoy participating in this event with us! What a great opportunity to spend the day celebrating all things flowers and garden, especially in Michigan in the summer.

Sponsored by: Diversity Insurance

“Tribute to Jimmy Buffett”—Wednesday, August 14th—9:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

Tropical attire is a must as we celebrate the legacy of this “island music” rock legend. Our day will include mocktail margaritas, cheeseburgers in paradise, and lots of “parrot head” theme, laid back party vibes! Sponsored by: Oak Street Health

Full payment is due upon registration. Space is limited, so sign up early.

BANANA SPLIT/CONNOR MCMAHON FUND-RAISER

On Thursday, June 13th from 12:00 Noon—1:00 p.m., we will be serving up delicious banana split treats in our Drop-In Room. There will be vanilla ice cream, chocolate syrup, fresh strawberries, pineapple chunks, whipped cream, nuts, and a cherry for the top for all to enjoy!

The cost to participate in this event is a donation to the Connor McMahon Scholarship Fund. Connor was one of our RARE Summer Day Camp Counselors who had his life tragically taken a year ago. We are going to honor his energy, fun loving spirit, and his legacy by donating all proceeds from this event to the cause. Sign up at the Senior Office.

WORDS TO LIVE BY

“Be greater...make a difference” - Connor McMahon

ALZHEIMER’S ASSOCIATION EDUCATION & AWARENESS PROGRAM

All are welcome to participate in this important and informative program. On Thursday, June 13th from 1—2:00 p.m., you will learn about the “10 Warning Signs of Alzheimer’s”. Attending this “Free” seminar will help you to understand that Alzheimer’s and other dementias cause changes in memory, thinking, and behavior that interfere with daily life. Join us to learn 10 common warning signs and what to watch for in yourself and others.

Please contact the Senior Office if you plan to attend.

JUST FOR FUN

LUNCH & LEARN—SPOTTING FINANCIAL SCAMS

Shannon, a representative from Michigan Schools and Government Credit Union will be here on Wednesday, May 22nd at 12:30 p.m. to facilitate a seminar on how to be on the look out for financial scams. You will learn about fraud attempts and tactics used by scammers. You will also be taught how to recognize red flags and keep your personal information safe. Please note: this is an educational workshop, with valuable information. No sales will be involved. A light lunch will be provided for all who attend this free program. You must register at the Senior Office in advance. Space is limited, so sign up early!

TEA TALK

Each month on a Tuesday, we will be celebrating the simple pleasure of enjoying a hot cup of tea. Each event will include tea and treats along with a variety of topics of conversation. The fee to participate is \$5.00 for residents and \$6.00 for non-residents. If you plan to attend, please sign up at the Senior Office. Our upcoming Tea Talk events are as follows:

Tuesday, May 21st at 1:00 p.m.—Join us as we host “Afternoon Tea”. As you sip your tea and enjoy delicious treats, we will discuss the difference between Afternoon Tea and High Tea.

Just for fun, you will learn a bit about Tea etiquette!

Tuesday, June 18th at 1:00 p.m.—Tea Party Bingo with the Girl Scouts. We have invited our friends from Troop 75692 to join us for a fun bingo event. All will enjoy iced tea/lemonade and cookies while playing bingo for tea theme prizes.

SMOOTHIE CAFÉ

A smoothie is a thick, creamy beverage made by pureeing ingredients in a blender. Enjoying this delicious beverage is a great way to add fruits and vegetables to your diet. The cost is \$2.00 and the Smoothie Café will be open from 9:00—10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, May 15th (Mixed Berry) and Wednesday, June 5th (Strawberry Banana). If you plan to join us, please call the Senior Office.

LET'S PLAY GAMES/CARDS

All are welcome to drop-in to play Bid Whist, Crazy Rummy, Mexican Train Dominoes, Wii Bowling, and Euchre. If you already know how to play, we invite you to join in the fun. If you are new to any of the games, we encourage you to stop in to observe how they are played.

- Bid Whist - Mondays from 1:00—3:00 p.m. in the Game Room
- Rummy - Tuesdays from 12:30—3:00 p.m. in the Game Room
- Dominoes - Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. in the Drop-In Room
- Euchre - Wednesdays and Fridays from 1:00—3:00 p.m. in the Game Room
- Wii Bowling - Fridays from 10:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. in the Game Room

COLORING FOR RELAXATION

Did you know that coloring can help you channel your inner artist, de-stress and bring a sense of peace. We will be offering coloring on Tuesday, May 14th at 12:30 p.m.

Each participant will be given a packet of coloring pages to work on along with a snack.

The cost to participate is \$1.00 for residents and \$2.00 for non-residents.

Please sign up in advance if you plan to join us.

HEALTH & FITNESS

STRETCH FOR LIFE

“Stretch for Life” class meets from 9–10:30 a.m. every Monday and Wednesday in the Small Gym. The drop-in fee is \$1.00 per class. The format will include a “walk off the pounds video” from 9–9:30 a.m., floor exercises from 9:30–10:00 a.m., and wall exercises from 10–10:30 a.m. If you plan to participate in the floor exercises, we recommend you bring a yoga mat or a towel.

PICKLEBALL

The Pickleball program is booming and better than ever. Running through Thursday, May 30th, we will be offering Drop-In Pickleball on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1—3:00 p.m. We will have six courts available during this time slot. The cost to play is \$2.00 for residents and \$5.00 for non-residents. No advance registration is needed.

Please stop by the Senior Office to pay the drop-in fee.

CUBII CLASSES

During our Cubii class you will burn calories, increase leg strength, and strengthen mobility.

The next series of classes will be **Drop-In** and will be held on Wednesdays at 11:00 a.m. (May 1st, 8th, 15th) in the Multi-Purpose Room. The cost is \$1.00 for residents and \$2.00 for non-residents.

LINE DANCE

Line Dancing is the perfect exercise. It provides the benefit of an aerobic workout along with increasing balance and coordination. Lynn Reiss, who has been teaching for over 30 years, offers drop-in classes on Wednesdays in the Small Gym. Basic Line Dance will run from 1:00–2:00 p.m. and Improved Line Dance will run from 2:00–3:00 p.m. The fee for each class is \$4.00 for residents and \$5.00 for non-residents. *Please note: No class on 5/29 and 6/5.*

ZUMBA GOLD

Enjoy the Latin rhythms and dance yourself into fitness with Zumba Gold! You’ll experience dances such as: meringue, salsa, cumbia, hip-hop, and more. Class is every Thursday from 10—11:00 a.m. The drop in fee is \$6.00 per class. Your first class is FREE!

CHAIR YOGA

Chair yoga is a great way for older adults to get the wonderful health benefits of yoga, while seated in a chair. Our instructor, Kristin, will be offering drop-in Chair Yoga on Fridays. The class will take place in the Multi-Purpose Room from 10—11:00 a.m. Due to the calming nature of this class, the doors will be closed promptly at 10:00 a.m. and no one will be admitted after that time. The drop-in fee is \$4.00 for residents and \$5.00 for non-residents.

Please note: No class on 5/24.

STROKE SUPPORT GROUP

Our Stroke Club is a support group for stroke survivors and their caregivers. We meet every Thursday at 12:30 p.m. for fellowship, games, and snacks.

BLOOD PRESSURE TESTING

Our Program Aide, Al, offers free blood pressure testing every Monday from 9:00 a.m.—Noon. This program will be available during the month of May only.

FITNESS ROOM

When you join the Fitness Center you are required to sign up at the office and complete an orientation. The cost is \$30.00 per year if you are age 55 and over. The current hours are: Monday–Friday, 8:30 a.m.—8:00 p.m. and Saturdays 9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

WALKING FOR FUN & FITNESS

We offer walking in the large gym Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9:00 a.m.—Noon through Friday, June 14th. There is no walking during the summer months.

SENIOR CENTER HAPPENINGS

PACE REPRESENTATIVE

On Monday, May 6th, Kiera who is a Community Outreach Assistant for PACE, will be in our Lobby from 10:00 a.m.—11:30 a.m. to inform our Seniors about the PACE Program. PACE stands for Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly. Please stop by and see her to pick up some valuable information.

MEDICARE ASSISTANCE

Do you have basic questions regarding Medicare? If so, a representative from the Michigan Medicare Assistance Program will be here at our Center on the fourth Friday of each month (May 24th and June 28th) from 10:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m. to answer your Medicare related questions. If you would like to schedule an appointment, please call the Senior Office.

MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

MDHHS will be in our Lobby on Monday, May 13th and June 10th from 10:00 a.m.—12:00 Noon to provide Eastpointe residents with information on drinking water filters and ways to adopt other behaviors to reduce lead levels in home drinking water. They will also assist qualifying families receive a filter at no cost.

OUT & ABOUT: POP-UP TECH HELP FOR SENIORS

The outreach librarian from MLBPD (Macomb Library for the Blind and Print Disabled) will be at our Senior Center on Thursday, June 6th from 10—11 a.m. to help seniors answer questions about their smartphones, tablets, social media, voice assistant, and more. Please let us know if you plan to stop by and take advantage of this “free” program.

POP-UP PARTIES ARE HERE

This is the new hip and trendy way to host events. Occasionally we will be announcing a new party or event by posting an invitation on the bulletin board (near the Drop-In Room). This will take place two weeks prior to the event happening. Once the party is announced, you can sign up any time. This is a fun way to keep a buzz around the Center and offer some new and innovative program opportunities.

TRAVEL OPPORTUNITIES

DETROIT TIGERS OUTING—SOLD OUT

Date: Wednesday, May 29, 2024

Departs: Noon **Returns:** TBD

Wait list is available.

THE HISTORIC WHITNEY/DIAMOND JACK'S RIVER CRUISE—SOLD OUT

Date: Thursday, June 6, 2024

Departs: 9:45 a.m. **Returns:** 4:30 p.m.

Wait list is available.

LET'S SPEND THE AFTERNOON AT IKEA

Date: Wednesday, July 17, 2024

Authority Member: \$10.00 **Non-Member:** \$15.00

Departs: 9:30 a.m. **Returns:** 3:00 p.m.

Trip includes round trip luxury motor coach transportation and free time to shop, dine, and explore the IKEA Store in Canton, MI. The IKEA Concept starts with the idea of providing a range of home furnishing products that are affordable to many people, not just a few. It is achieved by combining function, quality, design, and value – always with sustainability in mind. Please note: This trip involves a lot of walking.

NIAGARA FALLS GETAWAY FEATURING TORONTO, ONTARIO

Date: August 13—15, 2024 (Tuesday—Thursday)—**SOLD OUT**

HARVEST ADVENTURE

Date: Thursday, September 26, 2024

Authority Member: \$109.00 **Non-Member:** \$114.00

Departs: 10:15 a.m. **Returns:** 4:45 p.m.

This fun day trip includes: luxury motor coach transportation, lunch at the White Horse Inn which is a local landmark, in Metamora, that dates back to the 1850's. After lunch we will venture over to Westview Orchards and Winery in Washington Township. During this stop you will enjoy a 30-minute wagon ride through the orchards and upon return to the farm, everyone will receive a prepicked bag of fruit to take home! We will also visit the gorgeous wine bar where you will be able to taste up to 3 wines.

FIREKEEPERS CASINO

Date: Thursday, November 7, 2024

Authority Member: \$57.00 **Non-Member:** \$62.00

Departs: 9:00 a.m. **Returns:** 6:00 p.m.

This exciting gambling adventure includes: luxury motor coach transportation, free time at the casino in Battle Creek where playing with fire is about to get way more fun! Firekeepers has over 2,680 of the latest slot machines and video poker games, 78 table games, and 5 sizzling restaurants for your dining pleasure. Casino package includes a \$25.00 slot credit and \$5.00 to be used for food, slot play, or gift shop.

Van transportation to the pick up point for day trips is available from S.M.A.R.T. for \$1.00 each way. Call the Senior Office to arrange a ride.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

DINING SENIOR STYLE

The Senior Nutrition Program is available on weekdays here in the Activity Center. The MCCSA offers warm and delicious lunches which are served Monday through Friday at 11:30 a.m. A suggested cost-share donation is \$3.00. *Please note: There will be no meals served on Monday, May 27th and Wednesday, June 19th.*

SENIOR CENTER HOURS

The Senior Center Office is open Monday—Friday from 8:30 a.m.—4:00 p.m. The Drop-In and Computer Rooms are available Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m., unless we are hosting a special event.

SIT 'N KNIT/CROCHET

Knitters and crocheters love the relaxing time and stories they share while together. If you enjoy either of these crafts, our groups meet on Mondays at 11:00 a.m. If you are just a beginner, we will teach you or if you need a refresher course, we can do that too. Otherwise, simply work on your own project and enjoy the companionship of our group. We have a large collection of knitting and crocheting needles which can be borrowed from our Office. If you are working on a new project and need a specific size needle, check with us first, before you go out and purchase it.

POOL ROOM

We have two pool tables available Monday—Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. by appt. only. To make a reservation, call the Senior Center during regular business hours.

SENIOR VAN TRANSPORTATION

Senior Van Transportation is available Monday—Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The dispatcher will make reservations for Eastpointe and Roseville residents, on a first come, first serve basis. Rides must be scheduled in advance. Medical appointments and shopping runs take priority over other ride requests. The fee is \$1.00 per way. Vans will travel from 8 Mile to 15 Mile Roads and Jefferson to Hoover. For complete details, please contact the Senior Van Transportation line at 586-445-5482, Monday—Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

NEWSLETTER HOME DELIVERY

To receive a copy of the Recreation Authority Senior Newsletter by mail, fill out the form below, and mail it with a check or money order payable to: R.A.R.E. You will receive 12 bi-monthly issues for \$8.00. Mail this form with your payment to:
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MAY 2024 – SENIOR ACTIVITIES

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
FITNESS ROOM HOURS Monday-Friday 8:30am - 8:00pm Saturday 9:00am - 4:00pm	DROP IN/COMPUTER ROOM HOURS Monday-Friday 9:00am - Noon POOL ROOM HOURS Monday-Friday 9:00am - 3:00pm by appointment	¹ Stretch for Life 9-10:30am Walking 9am-Noon Dominoes 10am Cubii Class 11am Euchre 1-3pm Line Dance 1-3pm	² Zumba Gold 10am Stroke Club 12:30pm Open Pickleball 1-3pm	³ Walking 9am-Noon Chair Yoga 10am Wii Bowling 10am Euchre 1-3pm
⁶ Stretch for Life 9-10:30am Walking 9am-Noon NO Blood Pressure Testing PACE 10-11:30am Sit 'n Knit 11am Bid Whist 1pm	⁷ Rummy 12:30-3pm Open Pickleball 1-3pm	⁸ Stretch for Life 9-10:30am Walking 9am-Noon Dominoes 10am Cubii Class 11am Euchre 1-3pm Line Dance 1-3pm	⁹ Zumba Gold 10am Stroke Club 12:30pm Open Pickleball 1-3pm	¹⁰ Walking 9am-Noon Chair Yoga 10am Wii Bowling 10am Euchre 1-3pm
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²⁷ MEMORIAL DAY  SENIOR CENTER CLOSED	²⁸ Rummy 12:30-3pm Open Pickleball 1-3pm	²⁹ Stretch for Life 9-10:30am Walking 9am-Noon Dominoes 10am Detroit Tigers Game Departs 12pm NO Afternoon Activities SENIOR CENTER CLOSING AT NOON	³⁰ Zumba Gold 10am Stroke Club 12:30pm Open Pickleball 1-3pm	³¹ Walking 9am-Noon Chair Yoga 10am Wii Bowling 10am Euchre 1-3pm

JUNE 2024 – SENIOR ACTIVITIES

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>3</p> <p>Stretch for Life 9-10:30am</p> <p>Walking 9am-Noon</p> <p>Sit 'n Knit 11am</p> <p>Bid Whist 1pm</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Rummy 12:30-3pm</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Smoothie Café 9-10am</p> <p>Stretch for Life 9-10:30am</p> <p>Walking 9am-Noon</p> <p>Dominoes 10am</p> <p>Euchre 1-3pm</p> <p>NO Line Dance</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Whitney/Diamond Jack's Trip Departs 9:45am</p> <p>Tech Help for Seniors 10-11am</p> <p>Zumba Gold 10am</p> <p>Stroke Club 12:30pm</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Walking 9am-Noon</p> <p>Chair Yoga 10am</p> <p>Wii Bowling 10am</p> <p>Euchre 1-3pm</p>
<p>10</p> <p>Stretch for Life 9-10:30am</p> <p>Walking 9am-Noon</p> <p>MDHHS 10am-Noon</p> <p>Sit 'n Knit 11am</p> <p>Bid Whist 1pm</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Summer Day Camp 9am-2pm</p> <p>Rummy 12:30-3pm</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Stretch for Life 9-10:30am</p> <p>Walking 9am-Noon</p> <p>Dominoes 10am</p> <p>Euchre 1-3pm</p> <p>Line Dance 1-3pm</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Zumba Gold 10am</p> <p>Banana Split Fundraiser Noon - 1pm</p> <p>Alzheimer's Seminar 1pm</p> <p>Stroke Club 12:30pm</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Walking 9am-Noon</p> <p>Chair Yoga 10am</p> <p>Wii Bowling 10am</p> <p>Euchre 1-3pm</p>
<p>17</p> <p>Stretch for Life 9-10:30am</p> <p>Sit 'n Knit 11am</p> <p>Bid Whist 1pm</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Rummy 12:30-3pm</p> <p>Tea Talk 1pm</p>	<p>19</p> <p>JUNETEENTH</p>  <p>SENIOR CENTER CLOSED</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Zumba Gold 10am</p> <p>Stroke Club 12:30pm</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Chair Yoga 10am</p> <p>Wii Bowling 10am</p> <p>Euchre 1-3pm</p>
<p>24</p> <p>Stretch for Life 9-10:30am</p> <p>Sit 'n Knit 11am</p> <p>Bid Whist 1pm</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Rummy 12:30-3pm</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Stretch for Life 9-10:30am</p> <p>Dominoes 10am</p> <p>Euchre 1-3pm</p> <p>Line Dance 1-3pm</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Zumba Gold 10am</p> <p>Stroke Club 12:30pm</p>	<p>28</p> <p>MMAP 10am-4pm</p> <p>Chair Yoga 10am</p> <p>Wii Bowling 10am</p> <p>Euchre 1-3pm</p>
<p>July 1</p> <p>Stretch for Life 9-10:30am</p> <p>Sit 'n Knit 11am</p> <p>Bid Whist 1pm</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Rummy 12:30-3pm</p>	<p>FITNESS ROOM HOURS</p> <p>Monday-Friday 8:30am - 8:00pm</p> <p>Saturday 9:00am - 4:00pm</p>	<p>DROP IN/COMPUTER ROOM HOURS</p> <p>Monday-Friday 9:00am - Noon</p>	<p>POOL ROOM HOURS</p> <p>Monday-Friday 9:00am - 3:00pm by appointment</p>

NRPA PARK PULSE

Try New Activities With Parks and Recreation

Nearly all (93%) U.S. adults are likely to seek out a new skill or hobby. Top activities of interest include:



Cooking



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Park and recreation professionals and their agencies provide countless programs — from gardening and cooking classes to esports tournaments, fitness programs, art lessons and more — that are welcoming and accessible to all.

Each month, through a poll of 1,000 U.S. residents focused on park and recreation issues, NRPA Park Pulse helps tell the park and recreation story. Questions span from the serious to the more lighthearted. The survey was conducted by Wakefield Research (www.wakefieldresearch.com).

Visit nrpa.org/ParkPulse for more information.



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How a Public Space Is Promoting Belonging by Being a Good Neighbor

Ideas from Memphis' Tom Lee Park on diversity, empathy and safety

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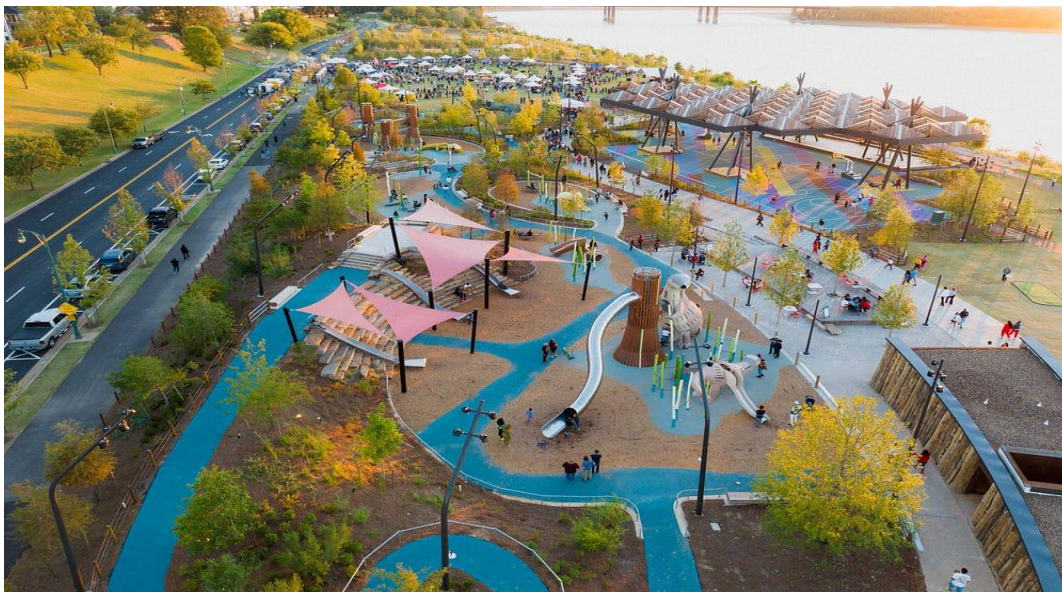
A sign encouraging neighborliness by the Tom Lee Park playground. Image credit: Connor Ryan.

Editor's note: This conversation has been crossposted in collaboration with [Policies for Convivencia](#), a newsletter featuring clever policies for co-existence and the people behind them. Memphis has been participating in Reimagining the Civic Commons since 2016, and the transformation of Tom Lee Park is an evolution of the city's Civic Commons work.



One of the highlights of my two-year fellowship at the [Bloomberg Center for Public Innovation at Johns Hopkins University](#) was the opportunity I had with my colleague [Terrance Smith](#) to work with the [Memphis River Parks Partnership](#) (the Partnership). Carol Coletta, the Partnership's President and CEO and [one of the 100 most influential urbanists, past and present, according to Planetizen](#), wanted a reflection partner for the year before their reimaged park opened. She wanted us to push and inspire her and her team on socioeconomic mixing and then publish the results in a [case study](#).

Tom Lee Park carries a lot of symbolism. It is dedicated to the [heroic act](#) of a Black man who in 1925 saved 32 white people from the Mississippi River in an era when most of these people would not shake his hand. Tom Lee Park is surrounded by some of the wealthiest and poorest zip codes in Tennessee. Memphis is a Black majority city with stark inequalities along racial lines. The park is only a few blocks from Downtown Memphis, which like many North American downtowns, needed revitalization.



Aerial view of Tom Lee Park playground and Sunset Canopy. Image credit: Connor Ryan.

Based on our discussions with local stakeholders, the excitement over the park was mixed with concerns over safety and whether “*Memphis can have and sustain nice things.*” Carol and her team were committed to proving that Memphis deserves only the very best. We focused on finding a language for a great park experience that would be realistic, empowering and inviting.

Before our partnership started, Carol and her team had done a lot of things right. Just from a design standpoint, Tom Lee Park is one of the most impressive new parks I have visited. [Studio Gang](#)’s design leans into the ecology of the Mississippi. The park’s playground designed by [Monstrum](#) features Mississippi River animals with just the right level of danger and thrill. The park is designed by two women-owned firms and the public art is commissioned from Black artists. Forty-three percent of the \$61 million investment was procured from women- and minority-owned vendors.



The playground features native Mississippi River animals, like otters. Image credit: Connor Ryan.

[Public space research](#) shows that for park visitors, especially Black park visitors, to feel safe and welcome, parks need to incorporate symbols and representation of diversity, such as inclusive programming and signage. Park users' sense of safety correlates positively with their sense of belonging.

In Tom Lee Park, there is no shortage of symbols of diversity and recognition of the on-going march toward justice. [Theaster Gates'](#) A Monument to Listening leans boldly into the complex history of race in Memphis and provides a forum for convening. The Sunset Canopy is dedicated to the courage of Tyre Nichols' family after [Mr. Nichols was](#)

[fatally assaulted by Memphis police officers](#). Mr. Nichols, an amateur photographer, used to come to the riverfront to photograph sunsets.



Yaw Agyeman performing at A Monument to Listening at the opening of Tom Lee Park. The park's main gathering point is dedicated to the memory of Tyre Nichols. Image credit: Connor Ryan.

Being a Neighbor

After talking to us and many others, the Partnership framed their goal of a successful park experience around a simple yet powerful expression: **being a neighbor**. As we highlight in our [case study](#), people have a clear understanding of what it means to be a good neighbor. [Being a neighbor builds on the willingness to be friendly and engaging, but it protects people's privacy and does not aspire for continued dependency](#). A neighbor might not know your name, but recognizes that you live around here. Neighbors help out when needed, but "[don't get into each other's pockets](#)." Sure, neighbors can become friends, but the goal of being a neighbor, especially in an urban setting, is to get along.

"Part of our job is to push empathy"

What has impressed me the most in Memphis is how neighborliness is operationalized far beyond branding. Recognizing the concerns around safety, but dedicated to building a welcoming atmosphere for all, the Partnership made the decision to invest in park rangers, not uniformed security. This policy was informed by an understanding that especially Black park users may not always associate the presence of police with a sense of safety and belonging.

The park rangers have an active role in nurturing neighborly relations in the park. I talked to CEO Carol Coletta; Ranger Lead Jhane Kunkel; Ranger Lead Nicole Heevner and Director of Riverfront Properties Michael Nolan about this work in practice.



Jhane Kunkel with youth in the park. Visitors relax in Adirondack chairs along the river's edge. Image credit: Connor Ryan.

Q: What does being a neighbor mean?

Jhane: It's the bond. Whether they're a stranger or not, making them feel like they've known us forever is really what defines neighborly to me. And ownership. We talk about that as rangers a lot. That this is theirs. I see a lot of people picking up small trash and stuff, but they

are not upset about it. They are people who actually thank us for what we do, so they're trying to be helpful.

Q: How do you foster neighborliness in practice? What do you do or say?

Nicole: A lot of it is just how you speak. When you're asking people not to do something, most adults have the mindset of, why are you telling me not to? It's education through enforcement. Like, hey, to you this might seem like a small thing, but you throwing out this piece of trash is setting an example to the hundreds or thousands of people around you. It's explaining that it impacts our ability as park rangers to do what park rangers normally do, which is build that community, because we're stuck picking up after people.

It's finding common ground. Maybe it's the type of music they're listening to. I might actually enjoy that same music off-duty in my car going home, but I know that it may not be acceptable to listen to around kids. So I'll approach, hey, I really like that song, or you know, I noticed you're here every single day, how long have you been playing basketball? I mention that I used to play in high school, and I really miss that.

Jhane: Part of our job is to push empathy. When we address people about problematic behavior, some are surprised. They didn't realize. Just the gentle approach immediately corrects the situation. It's pushing empathy saying: hey, here's this situation. If you can get them

to put themselves in the other person's shoes in a positive way, it goes a long way.

That empathy thing works too when you know that they know better. You just give them the benefit of the doubt. Like I just watched you intentionally choose to do this, but I'm gonna act like you didn't know any better. Give them the opportunity to lie to avoid a bad interaction. Not embarrassing is a huge thing. Because that's where aggression comes from. A lot of times people get aggressive when they're embarrassed, because they feel backed up into something.



The basketball courts are placed in the center of the park, under the Sunset Canopy. Image credit: Connor Ryan.

Q: Would you have an example of neighborliness in practice?

Nicole: The other day I watched a lady let her daughter walk the dog, and the dog defecated on the sidewalk. She was just gonna leave it. As she was passing me, I said, were you coming to ask for cleaning supplies? She paused and then she was like, yeah, yeah, actually I was, thank you. And I gave her a pair of gloves and some things to clean it up. She ended up cleaning up herself. Later on she came up and apologized, and said, I know you saw that I was trying to leave, and I'm sorry about that.

Q: How is neighborliness a strategy for safety?

Jhane: It's routine checks on everything that could be potentially problematic. Making sure that we have rangers visible to reduce the risk of having something happen. Reassuring people of safety, telling that we have someone here seven days a week, 24 hours. Having cameras that are non-invasive. Just the general reassurance without having to bring in a police presence.

Nicole: Building those relationships with people ends up protecting us. Making sure that we're visible enough that they can walk up to us



and ask us if they need something. Like there's a park ranger, let me ask them about this. Or hey, I feel kind of weird, I'm not sure if this person is following me or not, can I just hang out with you for a minute? Letting people know that there's a safe space within the city of Memphis. We do a really good job with our rangers of letting them know that we're not just here to pick up trash.

The Sunset Canopy is a multi-functional space protected from the often scorching sun. Image credit: Connor Ryan.

Q: A lot of public space providers are finding it difficult to find good staff.

What does it take to build a good ranger team?

Michael: We try to have people who we know are in the communities that we serve. A lot of the staff we have hired have just approached us in the park. They were using the park, enjoying the park. It also goes to their onboarding and training.

Jhane: A lot of rangers were recruited from different neighborhoods. It's important to have every kind of person represented from Memphis in our staffing.

Carol: It's looking at community institutions that are working more neighborhood-based and attracting a mix of people. As an example, Jhane had a connection at [Memphis Rox](#), which is a climbing gym; we've ended up hiring young men out of that facility.

Jhane: I can't go there [Memphis Rox] anymore without another person coming and asking for a job. It really starts with our work culture. They're spreading the word about us being a safe, equitable place to work. That is the number one, because sometimes [in a park] you're also dealing with the worst of people. Days can be very rough. But if you have the right people with you, you don't feel ill about going in the next day. How we feel about our work radiates off of us and changes the energy in that space.

In conclusion

Tom Lee Park was opened to the public in September 2023. According to a survey, a majority of visitors (57%) reported meeting someone for the first time. A third (31%) reported recognizing people that they had never met. 88% of respondents rated the safety of the park as good or excellent.

Tom Lee Park teaches us that neighborly relations require active nurturing by skilled staff who are connected to different communities in their city. Most importantly, from its design to daily operations, Tom Lee Park demonstrates that recognizing friction is not the opposite of joy but a prerequisite for inclusion and equity.

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